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1. The potash loading site in the port of wismar (N 54/T hg) handles one railroad car every five minutes. Trains carrying loads of 1,800 tons pass through wittenberge (N 53/Y 69) daily, and return empty. The unloading of a train takes five hours. The loading site accelerates the rotation of cars. \*

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Besin, which was completed in December 1949, was previously reported.

Wismar has been the main Soviet Zone port for the export of potash since that time. The potash is shipped by rail from the potash mines in central Germany to the port, where it is transloaded on ships with the help of the new loading site.

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